St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

Announcements - November 21st & 22nd

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please locate the Attendance Cards in your row and fill one out when you arrive. They will be collected during the offering. If you are visiting, please feel free to include your address and phone number. You may also include any prayer requests on the attendance card.

Faith FriendsMeet and Greet



The Faith Friends meet and greet is scheduled for Sunday, December 13 following the 8:30 service. Adults and youth are welcome to come, meet one another and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

Children from Pre-3 through 6th grade are invited to participate in the Christmas program. Each Sunday School hour preparing for the program so ***Sunday School attendance in December is especially important as we get ready to share the Christmas message***. In addition, on **December 5th and 12th**, we will meet at the downtown church for practice **from 9 am to 11 am.** December 5th will be for 1st graders and up. December 12th will be for all children participating in the program, including preschoolers and kindergartners. Sunday School Christmas program is on **Sunday, December 13th at 4 pm** in the beautiful, historic downtown church.

A Heartfelt Thank You

Katrina and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our St. Paul's family for the wonderful farewell celebration, thoughtful cards, generous gifts, encouraging words, and, above all, your prayers. We were deeply touched by the love shown to us as we concluded nearly five years of ministry together. St. Paul's will always hold a special place in our hearts. We are thankful for the friendships, memories, and opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ alongside you. You have been more than a congregation to us; you have been family. Though the Lord is calling us to a new chapter of ministry in Portage, Wisconsin, we remain united with you in Christ. As we begin this new chapter of life and ministry at St. John's Lutheran Ministries, please continue to keep Katrina and me in your prayers. Know that you remain in ours as well. Above all, we give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace has sustained us throughout our time together and whose promises will continue to unite us until that glorious day when we are gathered together before His throne.

With love and gratitude in Christ,

Pastor Roger and Katrina Drinnon

Once we close, we will get you all to get the new address to you all.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us for Family Sunday School on **THIS SUNDAY**. We will be preparing an Advent Wreath kit for each family to take home. We will meet in the gym at 9:45.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

God's gift of grace through Jesus Christ is offered to us out of God's love for us and not as a result of having earned or deserved it. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). As undeserving people, we receive God's mercy. Our response and works that we offer do nothing for our salvation, but they demonstrate our love and gratitude for what God has done for us.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP



Don't forget to take time during your celebrations to thank God for all His blessings. Join us for Thanksgiving services at the beautiful downtown church on **Wednesday, Nov 25th at 7pm or Thursday, Nov. 26th at 10am.**

Mr. Darwin Bettmann

We have been informed that Mr. Darwin Bettmann, principal at St. Paul's for some years has died. If you wish to send a sympathy note to his daughter, you can send it to:

Mary Bettmann
6555 Loftus Lane, Apt139
Savage, MN 55378

WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASS
"Is The Devil Real? (YES!)"
Fellowship Hall @ 9:45 am, Tuesday
Taught by: Roy W. Cordes

Due to a scheduling conflict class this week only will begin at 10:15 am rather than the usual starting time. Instruction will last one hour.

Have you ever been tempted? Of course, we have. Jesus faced the ultimate temptation three times when dealing with the devil early in His ministry. As we study His example and then discuss temptation as part of our daily battle with Satan, we will also share several ways we can overcome these evil directions coming from Satan.

One of the Bible passages that will be our guide is from 1 Corinthians 10:13, which says, "God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

Group Bible study is one way we can use the discussion to lead us to conclusions about our daily walk with the Lord. Knowing that others are tempted the same way we are can give us the confidence that God will help us through every day of our life.

God's Word and prayers are tremendous ways to help our faith and our trust in God grow each day. Join us for coffee, treats, Bible study and prayer on Tuesday mornings.

TIME & TALENTS SURVEY

In order to accomplish our ministry of spreading the Gospel it is necessary to use a large number of volunteers. Our stewardship lessons reminded us that we need to be a servant as part of our stewardship. The ”Time & Talents Survey” in this week's bulletin is important so the Connections Committee can establish a data base to give to all leaders in the various ministry areas of our congregation. If you presently volunteer or would like to be asked to volunteer, include that information on the form.

Why are we doing this? If you would be in charge of scheduling readers for 3 services each weekend it would be easier to look at the data base to call those interested in participating in this area. Otherwise, the person who schedules has to do some “cold” calling to try to figure out who could read for the current month.

Surveys may be handed to the ushers at a worship service, placed in the offering plate, or mailed to the church office at 1780 Career Center Rd., Bourbonnais, IL 60914. The committee would like to have all of the information by December 10. Thank you for participating.



ALTAR FLOWER CHART for 2027



The Flower Chart for 2027 will be posted at the downtown church beginning November 14 through the month of December and then will be moved to the school site on January 2nd If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone or some special occasion, please sign up on the chart for your desired weekend. If you would like both vases for a weekend, please sign your name on both lines for that weekend. **When you sign up for flowers please include your phone number next to your name!** Thank you!

The cost is $25.00 for one vase or $50.00 for two. **Please make checks payable to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.** Checks can be put in the offering plate or turned in to the church office during the month you are sponsoring flowers. If you have any questions regarding altar flowers, please contact Lynda Koeppen at 815-592-5701 or lykoeppen@comcast.net.

Phil’s Friends Special Holiday Hours

With all the major holidays falling on a Thursday this year, Phil's Friends Kankakee Hope Center will be adjusting the hours during each holiday week. Instead of the Thursday Walk-in Session we will be moving it to Tuesday and have special extended daytime hours. The sessions will run from 1pm to 7pm. Come and serve those on a cancer journey during your holiday breaks.

During Advent Midweek Services the Phil's Friends Kankakee Hope Center will be open from 5-7pm. Come enjoy the advent meal and then come help at the center before heading up to 7pm worship.

Sew for a Cause expanding



The Sew for a Cause group will now meet every Wednesday from 3:00–5:30 p.m.! Our group gathers to sew quilt tops and fleece hats, and we welcome anyone who enjoys knitting or crocheting to join us in creating blankets and hats as well. We have some yarn available for use, so don’t let that stop you from joining in!

The need for handmade blankets and hats is great, and we need more hands and more hours to help meet that need. Whether you sew, knit, crochet, or are willing to learn, there is a place for you! Join us in creating heartfelt items of hope for people facing cancer. Each handmade item carries a little extra love and encouragement to someone who could really use it.

We are also looking for donations of yarn, fabric, batting, and working sewing machines to help keep our hands busy and our projects going. Thank you for helping us share hope, one handmade item at a time!



Calling all bakers!

Our annual Christmas Cookie Sale is not possible without your generous donations of homemade cookies. Please sign up between Sunday services in November, or contact Liz Lesch 815-263-0537 LizLesch922@gmail.com if you are willing to volunteer your baking talents. We are also looking for donations for ingredients like butter, eggs, etc. Be on the lookout for ways to order your Christmas Cookies soon!



FAITHFULLY IN PARADISE
An Evening of Faith, Fellowship & Fun!
Save the Date!
Saturday, March 6, 2027, 6.pm.

Join us for the St. Paul's PTL Annual Auction & Dinner as we celebrate God's blessings, the gift of Christian education, and the wonderful community He has brought together!

Inspired by the joyful spirit of Jimmy Buffett and the beauty of paradise, this year's theme, "Faithfully in Paradise," promises a tropical evening filled with fellowship, delicious food, exciting auction items, and live music by Matt Yeager!

We'll gather at the Quality Inn & Suites in Bradley for a memorable night of fun and fundraising as we support the mission of St. Paul's Lutheran School and the opportunity to share Christ's love with the next generation. Proceeds will benefit art room updates, library updates, and more curriculum needs.

Tickets go on sale in January!

Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and get ready to celebrate the blessings of faith, family, and fellowship. More details coming after Christmas!

"Let all that you do be done in love."
1 Corinthians 16:14

Faith in our hearts, paradise in our plans!

Mission Minded Bible Study



A new Sunday morning Bible study option is starting Sunday, November 22! Mission Minded will combine stand-alone Bible studies with hands-on mission projects, bringing learning and service together in one fun and meaningful experience. Each week will feature a different theme, Bible study, and project. This is a great option for anyone who finds it difficult to commit to a multi-week Bible study. Each session stands on its own, so you can join us whenever you are able without worrying about missing previous weeks. Come when you can, and feel free to jump back in anytime! The Bible study resources will come from the Lutheran Women in Mission library. but are NOT limited to women. Anyone of any age or ability are welcome to join. Some planned mission projects are: Phil's Friends Cards of Hope, Gospel Witness bracelets with MOST ministries, cards and gifts for our shut-in friends. Come join us for something new! Grow in God's Word, connect with others, and put your faith into action through service. It's Bible study and mission work combined into one!

"CHRISTMAS: THE REAL STORY"
Teacher: Pastor Dave Bottorff
When: 4th Tuesday, 7 pm
Where: Pastor Dave's home

"Christmas: The Real Story" is a 4-session study by Harry Wendt that is designed to help people understand the REAL Christmas account revealed in Matthew and Luke. Middle Eastern scholar Dr. Kenneth Bailey's insights concerning first century Palestinian culture and the true meaning of the Greek word "kataluma" ("guest room") in Luke 2:7 will open your eyes to an unforgettable insight about Christ's birth! Pastor Bottorff will be leading this study at 7 pm on **November 24th** in his home at 1573 Surrey Drive, Bourbonnais Please call 630-724-7369 to register for this class. The study guide costs $10

CANNED FOOD DRIVE



The annual canned food drive **runs through November.** The Board of Human Care distributes food baskets year round and you can help stock our food pantry with nonperishable food. Specifically we could use canned vegetables and fruits, soups and crackers, hot and cold cereals, bread and muffin mixes, canned tuna and chicken, sloppy joe starters, macaroni & cheese, pasta and pasta sauce, Jello and pudding mixes, and cake and brownie mixes. If you would like to help, you may bring your donations to the school or church

Christmas Worship Band



7th -12th grade band and orchestra musicians, along with any adult musicians, are invited to join the Worship Ensemble on Sunday, December 20 during the 8:30 AM worship service. We will provide music for the pre-service, offertory, and post-service. We will have a rehearsal on *Saturday, December 19 at 9:00 AM* in the school gym. Donuts, juice, and milk will be provided after the rehearsal. Please contact Bill Dyche by sending a text to 815-592-0870 or send an email to bill.dyche66@gmail.com. Please include the following information: musician name, instrument, email, and cell number

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE
November 14th & November 15th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5:30 pm	59
Sunday, 8:30 am	159
Sunday, 11:05 am	122
WEEKEND TOTAL	**340**
Children's Sunday School	31
Youth Bible Class	7

Offerings Given

General	**$12,576.77**
Building	**$510.00**
School Ops	**$380.00**

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl Koeppen

Organist: 5:00: Nadine Engel 8:30: Nadine Engel

A/V: 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Josh Cherry

Lay Ministers:	5:00:	Bruce Clark
	8:30:	Robert Carruthers, Richard Engel, Noah Ghere
	11:05:	John Veers
Lay Readers:	5:00:	Mike Lockwood
	8:30:	Lauren Lundmark
	11:05:	Josh Cherry
Acolytes:	8:30:	Abbott & Hudson Bade
	11:05:	MacKenzie Norton, Layna Rahn
Trustees:	5:00:	Jeff Johnson
	8:30:	Mike Regas
	11:05:	Greg Wheeler
Ushers:	5:00:	Diana Hinderer, Jim Sharper, Rob & Mary Wood
	8:30:	Manuel Morocho Loga, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith
	11:05:	Bill Burger, Mike Callan, Aric & Sean Turrell

Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Natalie Cherry & Mellody McDonald

Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Diane Dyche, Greg Ronchetto, Cindy Rubin, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

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Save the Date:

February 26, 2027 Trivia Night.
Registration opens soon, so get your teams together and be ready to join us as we travel through the decades for this year's Trivia Night!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Nov 22	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional *(Bourb)*
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study *(Bourb)*
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School *(Bourb)*
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Class *(Bourb)*
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary *(Bourb)*
Mon, Nov 23		***THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK)***
Tue, Nov 24	10:15 am	*"Is The Devil Real? YES!" (Downtown)*
	1-7 PM	Phil's Friends, walk-in hours *(Downtown)*
	7:00 pm	Adult Bible Study *(1573 Surrey Dr, Bourb)*
Wed, Nov 25	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study *(Downtown)*
	5:30 pm	Phil's Friends, Create for a Cause *(Downtown)*
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship *(Downtown)*
Thur, Nov 26	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Worship *(Downtown)*
Fri, Nov 27		
Sat, Nov 28	5:00 pm	Worship - Traditional - *Communion (Downtown)*
Sun, Nov 29	8:30 am	Worship - Traditional - *Communion (Bourb)*
	9:45 am	Adult Bible Study *(Bourb)*
	9:45 am	Children's Sunday School *(Bourb)*
	9:45 am	Youth Bible Class *(Bourb)*
	11:05 am	Worship - Contemporary - *Communion (Bourb)*